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THE PROFESSOR GOES TO WASHINGTON

Sir Oliver Franks is
Britain's new Ambassador
to the United States

by MILTON SHULMAN



FAMILY MAN
Sir Oliver with daughter Alison,
aged three.

EXTERNALLY everything about Sir Oliver Franks denotes the scholar. The loose-fitting clothes cascading over the sloping shoulders; the high and wide expanse of forehead dominating the well-shaped sensitive face; the long, Grecian nose separating the thoughtful blue-green eyes; the tall, thin, almost ascetic frame; the pipe clenched determinedly and tightly between the teeth.

But this academic surface hides more than it reveals of the real man beneath it. For it does not explain why this philosophy professor has been appointed British Ambassador to the United States—the nation's most important diplomatic post.

Nor does it indicate why he was so successful in synthesising and harmonising the aims and conflicts of the 16 nations at Paris last July so that a unified report of Europe's views on the Marshall Plan could be presented to the American Congress.

Crystal-clear Words

NOR does it explain why he rose in six years from an £850-a-year Principal in the Ministry of Supply to a £3,500-a-year Permanent Secretary of the Ministries of Supply and Aircraft Production, responsible for administering one of the most complicated and extensive of Government departments.

His voice, however, provides some clue to this series of personal whys. For when he speaks there comes from him an easy and effortless flow of crystal-clear and purposeful words. And each word, like a professional ballet dancer in a complicated choreography, moves smoothly and precisely into its place in the formulation of an idea. Nothing is superfluous; nothing is unessential.

By using his well-trained, logical mind to dissect the worldly problems around him, Sir Oliver Franks has mastered the alchemy that transmutes immaterial thought into concrete action. Under the fierce light of his analytical reasoning solutions emerge where only stalemates existed before. His career demonstrates the truth of the axiom that "philosophy is common-sense in a dress suit."

Faced Alternative

YET his decision to become a philosopher was more his father's than his own. For although the Rev. R. S. Franks had been a brilliant student in mathematics and physics at Cambridge, he had always regretted his failure to study the classics in his youth.

Thus, when young Oliver Franks—born in 1905—was faced with the alternative of taking either a classical or

modern course at Bristol Grammar School, his father quickly made up his mind for him. The winning of a classical scholarship at Bristol further restricted his freedom of choice when he entered Oxford.

Taste For Philosophy

BY the time he was ready to graduate from Oxford in 1927 he had cultivated a taste for philosophy. Offered an opportunity to lecture at Queen's College, he accepted. "I said 'yes' because at the time I was more interested in philosophy than in anything else," Sir Oliver told me.

After a year on the Continent studying German, French and Italian, and attending occasional lectures at Heidelberg and Berlin universities, Oliver Franks settled down to teach. During his next 10 years only two significant incidents interrupted his quiet, secluded life in the cloisters of Queen's.

In 1931 he married Barbara Mary Tanner, an Oxford graduate, and they are now the fond parents of two daughters, Caroline, 8, and Alison, 3. And in 1935, as a guest lecturer, he spent three months at the University of Chicago teaching American students his concept of morals and life.

Here he made his first contact with the nation with which his future has become so significantly linked. The impact this experience made upon him can best be left to his own words. "It was very important for a small island like me

to spend some time in Chicago, 1,000 miles from the sea, where the natural horizons are New York and San Francisco," he said.

In 1937, when only 32, he was invited to become Professor of Moral Philosophy at the University of Glasgow—a remarkable distinction for one so young. And Moral Philosophy, Sir Oliver defines as "systematic reflections on the principles underlying human conduct."

Then, in 1939, with the coming of war, an official telegram ordering him to report to the Ministry of Supply took up the academic roots he had cultivated so well. And in an alien environment of Civil Servants, statistics and production targets, he applied the principles of human conduct he had studied so thoroughly.

An Achievement

BEGINNING as a temporary administrative official, his intelligence, met and determination soon marked him as a man to be watched. By the war's end he had reached the highest non-political post in the Ministry of Supply—an almost unprecedented achievement.

By 1946, Sir Oliver Franks was acknowledged as a practical and highly efficient man of affairs. Tempting and lucrative offers were made to lure him into either private business or one of the Government's nationalised industries.

But Sir Oliver had already made his choice. The academic ivory tower blinked its welcome, offering him time for reading, conversation and contemplative thinking. It was a temptation he could not resist. Spurning the more material rewards, he returned to Queen's College, Oxford, to become its Provost in the autumn of 1946.

Marshall Plan Talks

IN Paris, as head of the British delegation on the Marshall Plan talks, his burning moral character and his lucid grasp of the economic problems of Europe were largely responsible for the measure of unanimity attained by the 16 nations in their response to America's offer of aid.

He subsequently spent a month in Washington explaining, discussing and answering every question and aspect of the European report with the American—State—Department, individual Congressmen, important Government leaders and representatives of every significant body of American opinion. It has been said that when he left many of those working with him on the Marshall Plan felt like travellers suddenly bereft of their maps.

Sir Oliver believes that the interest of the American people in the Marshall Plan is derived from a combination of innate generosity and practical policy. "Their generosity is moved by a knowledge of the conditions that would supervene in Europe if no help came," he said. "Their policy springs from the belief that democratic methods of gov-

ernment are good methods and a world in which a large number of countries govern themselves in that way is a better world."

Last December Sir Oliver returned once more to Oxford intending to study, think and, as he put it, "recharge his batteries." But he was no longer "the master of his destiny." By now he had acquired the experience, the knowledge, and the training to make him a logical choice for British Ambassador to the United States.

When it was offered to him, he accepted. "It is the kind of job a man can refuse only when he is very clear that there is something more important he can do," he explained.

Likes The Place

SIR Oliver recognises the fact that while British and American traditions spring ultimately from the same roots, each nation has habits of action and conduct which differ. He is quite open and sincere about America. "I have been there a number of times and I like the place," he told me. "The result of each visit has been that I have wanted to go back."

Legends tend to cling to men of stature like Sir Oliver's. Already he is said to be forbidding and aloof, a disciple of the German philosopher Kant, and a wearer of sombre robes. On the contrary, journalists find him responsive, co-operative and easy to talk to. Kant is only one of a group of philosophers—Descartes and Plato are two more—to whom he has devoted special attention. And he has worn only one wide-brimmed Stetson in his life. "He bought it in Washington after he had lost the hat he had been wearing."

He goes to America with only a smattering of baseball and American films. Asked about his favourite film star, he answered: "It's not a problem to which I have yet given much thought."

Most Difficult Act

ALTHOUGH Sir Oliver comes from a traditionally Liberal family he does not hold strong party views. "In the past nine years I have had little opportunity to consider my political position," he said.

His boldest are probably best set out in a series of lectures on Central Planning which he delivered at the University of London last year. Here, in prose that crackles with clarity, he expressed the view "that some form of central planning and control is inevitable."

But he admits that "the most difficult act of those in positions of great power is the deliberate decision not to use it." And he recommends that Government should refrain "from treating industry and commerce as instruments of its policy and treat them instead as equal partners in the national enterprise with different but complementary functions."

Clear thinking and moral fervour are needed to lead the world through the jungle of economic and political crises that face it. Sir Oliver Franks possesses enough of both to equip him for the task of leadership which will be his. One might well say with the great orator Lord Disraeli, "The scholar is abroad, and I trust to him armed with his primer, against the soldier in full military array."



He
IS EIRE'S
NEW PRIME
MINISTER...

HE is John Aloysius Costello, K.C., the new, short, grey Premier of Eire, and he succeeds the tall, dark, gaunt stranger from overseas, Eamon de Valera.

HE is Jack to fellow-members in the Portmarnock (Co. Dublin) golf house, where he is captain with a handicap of 14.

De Valera would be Dev to many intimates if he had many intimates. Theatre, cinema, and bird-life are more to his taste than sports.

HE is 57, father of three sons and two daughters. He likes a drink, a smoke, a joke, a dance.

De Valera is 65, father of four living sons (one was killed) and two daughters. He neither drinks nor smoke nor jokes nor dances.

HE is the foremost lawyer of his land, the keenest in cross-examination, and was earning £5,000 a year. But he dislikes speeches.

De Valera, intended for the priesthood, became a professor of mathematics. As Premier he got £3,000 a year, and his speeches have punctuated Eire's history.

HE was Enemy No. 1 of the Irish Republican Army. As attorney-general in the Cosgrave Government of the 20s he framed laws to suppress the I.R.A. He went around freely—with a bodyguard.

De Valera fought with the I.R.A., was sentenced to die for the I.R.A., was reprieved because he was American, became Premier—and banned all mention of the I.R.A.

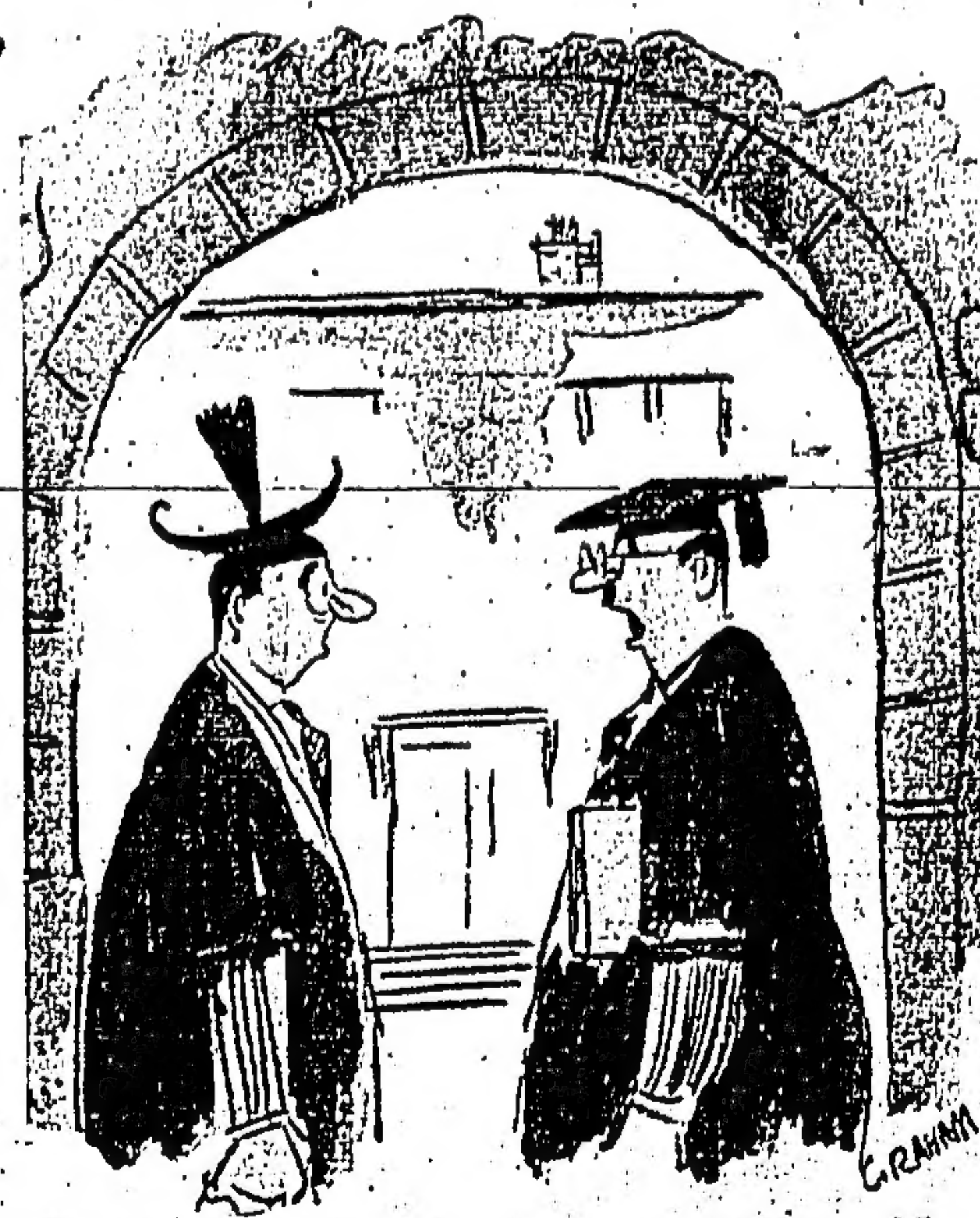
HE has no conviction of born leadership or of appointment with destiny. He said after his election: "The honour was not sought by me or wanted by me."

De Valera was ever a leader. When the Easter Rising was put down, he said: "Shoot me if you like. Let my men alone." He was born, he said, dreaming of Irish independence.

HE has become the new Taoiseach (see-shock). He saw his Government ratified by 75 votes to 65. He went to the Prime Minister's rooms. A new era had begun.

De Valera reluctantly vacated the rooms. For 16 years he had filled them with his spirit. An epoch had ended.

John Mather



BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

THE annual attempt to induce Mrs Wretch to return to her first love, and do a short season with Wugwell's Circus, is in full swing.

Wugwell called in person at Wretch Manor, and put his proposition to Colonel Wretch. "These are democratic days," he said. "Not democratic enough," replied the Colonel, "for any wife of mine to go round the ring with her feet on two horses' backs." "Colonel," said Wugwell, "would it surprise you to know that the lady who balanced the glass of port on the seal's nose is the cousin of a baronet?" "Nothing surprises me nowadays," said the Colonel, "it merely disgusts me."

Bitter truth

"ALL I want her to do," persisted Wugwell, "is to jump through the burning hoop, and then get sprayed with ink by the clown Anselmo." "Is that all?" retorted Colonel Wretch, sarcastically. Disliking this tone of superiority, Wugwell said, "Let me remind you old sporty-guts, that your lady-wife began life by handling our ape the bell to ring for its dinner." The Colonel winced as though he had received, smack in the face, an enormous lump of decayed bloater.

Wrong head, Miss Whickster

DOING things from far away, or by remote control, is all the rage, and one young enthusiast talks of whole herds of cows being milked

from a regional control commissioner's office in the nearest town. But that's not good enough for us go-ahead fellows. We want cows to be milked by electricity from the stratosphere, thanks to plucky little milkmaids in jet-propelled rocket-planes. If the wrong herd gets milked, blame the atmospheric.

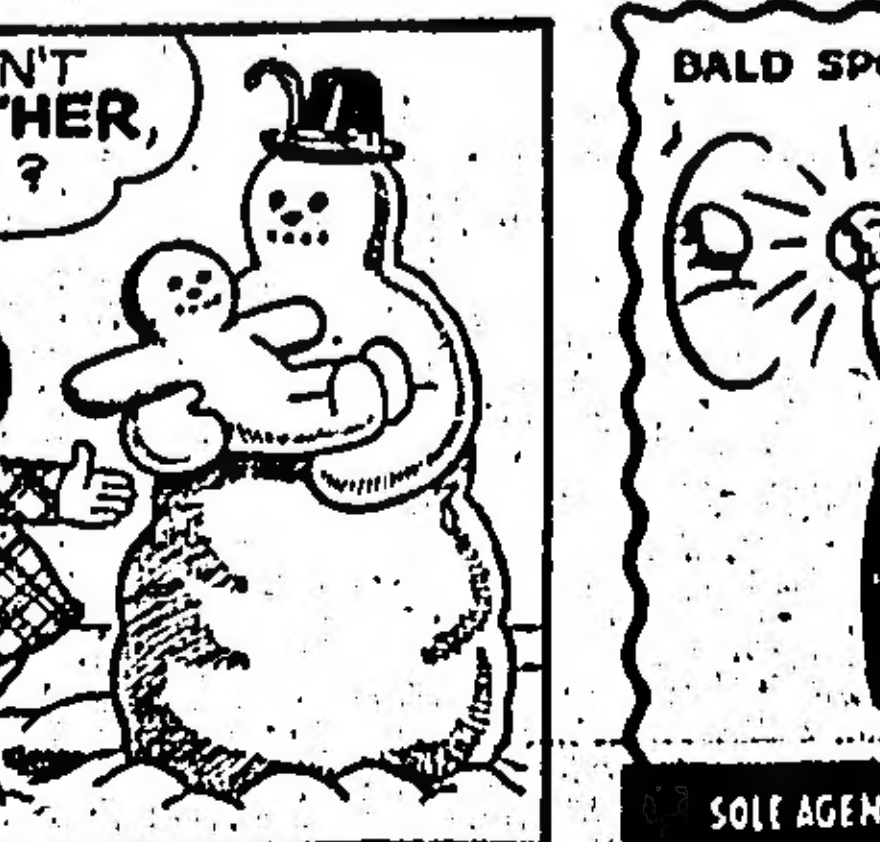
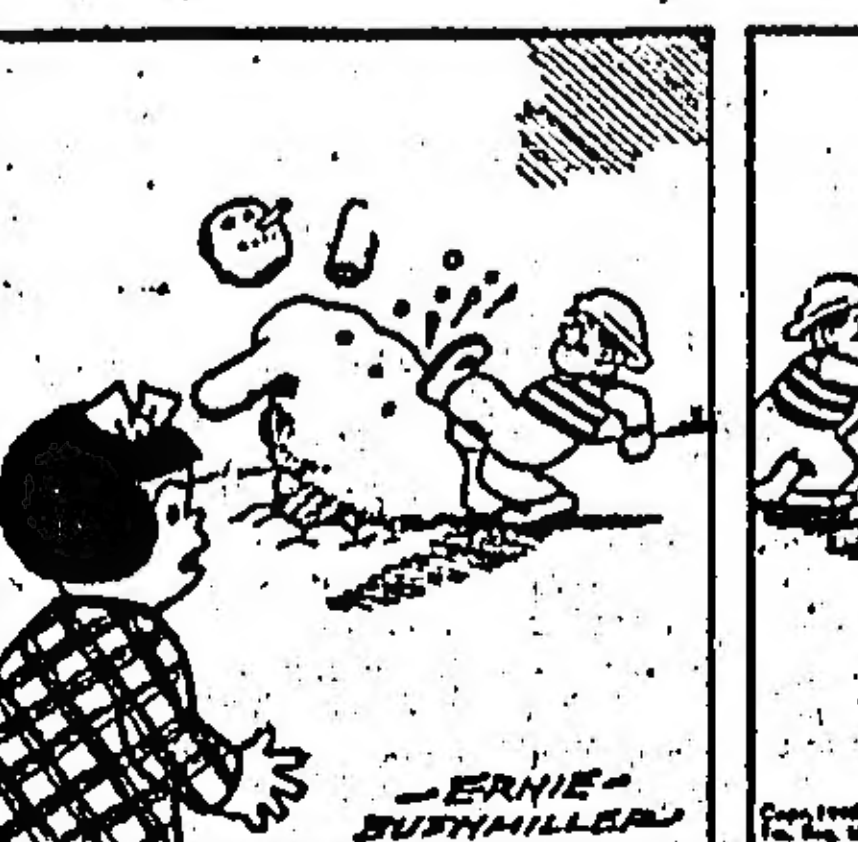
For evenings by the fire

Imagine the meers in the cloak-room—
"Are you wanting a ticket for that?"

When he smilingly laid on the counter
His little round wickerwork hat.
Chorus (to lives it up):
Little round wickerwork
Little round wickerwork
Little round wickerwork
Hat!

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By Ernie Bushmiller



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—HELENA.

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FLOWER PRINT



French seersucker (which needs no ironing) makes this flower print dress with its mid-calf hem-line. Camisole neckline and enfolded waist are tied with tiny bows of self material.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"Sandwiches and pie? Well, if it won't take more than five minutes—I don't want to be late for supper!"

25 Nationalities At Swiss Hotel School

Over 180 students between 17 and 18 years of age from 25 countries including Britain and the United States, have enrolled at the hotel school in Lausanne, Switzerland, reports Reuter.

LEFT MONEY TO PARTY

Sons May Contest £250,000 Will

The will of Mr. Robert Addy Hopkinson, West Riding industrialist, who left more than £250,000 to the Labour Party, may be contested by his family. It made no bequest to his sons, Philip and Alfred; to his daughter, Mrs. J. F. Wilkinson; or to his three grandchildren.

Mr. Hopkinson, former head of an engineering firm, died last November aged 80.

His elder son, Mr. Philip Hopkinson, of Huddersfield, who called a family conference, said:

"We shall take legal advice to see if there are any grounds on which we can challenge his pecuniary will."

"The whole thing has come as a tremendous shock to us. Father never indicated that his money would go out of the family."

The Trustees

The will, stipulated more than a year ago, directs the fortune to be used for "the education of the people of this country in Socialist principles."

Forty years ago Mr. Hopkinson was a close friend of Mr. Arthur Greenwood, then a lecturer at Huddersfield Technical College. They were both members of the Fabian Society.

The will names Mr. Greenwood as a trustee, along with Mr. Philip Noel-Baker, Mr. Shinnell and Mr. Morgan Griffiths—believed to be an error for Mr. Morgan Phillips, the Labour Party's secretary.

Sarawak Said Placed Behind Iron Curtain

Penang, Mar. 5.—A charge that there is "an iron curtain with regard to news of conditions in Sarawak" was made here by Mrs. Anthony Brooke, wife of the leader of the movement to restore Sarawak to the rule of the White Rajahs as an independent kingdom.

Sarawak, located in North Borneo, became a Crown Colony two years ago when ceded to Britain by Sir Charles Vyner Brooke, last of the White Rajahs. Mr. Anthony Brooke is a nephew of the last Rajah and was former Rajah Muda. His wife has recently returned from seven months in Sarawak, from which Anthony Brooke has been banned by the British Government.

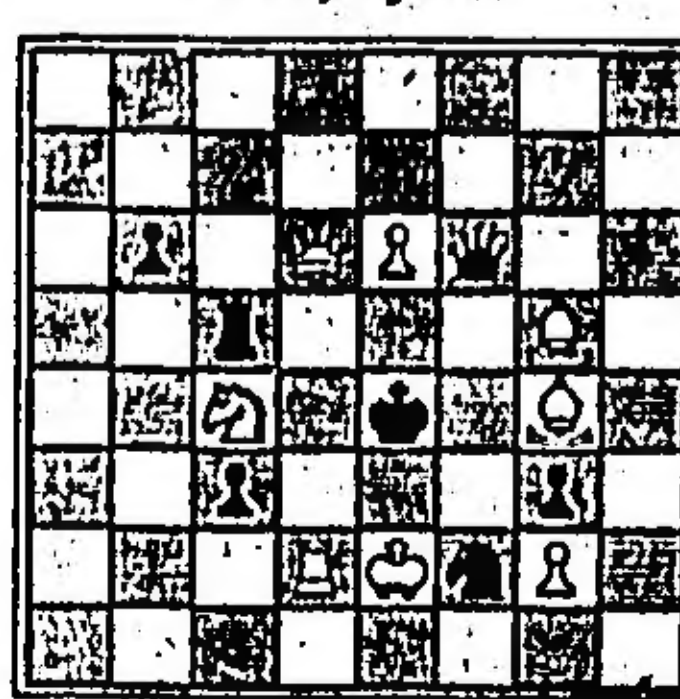
Mrs. Brooke, in a statement to newsmen here, said: "I intend to return to England and do all in my power to interest the British public about conditions in Sarawak, where about condition in Sarawak, where I have been travelling for seven months. There is an iron curtain with regard to news of conditions in Sarawak, despite all the publicity about the annexation issue and the ban on my husband's entry into the country."

Plans Libel Action

"It clearly is a grave injustice that any individual should be banned as an undesirable person from a British territory where he is held by the people in high esteem, and that he then should be officially labelled in that same territory and, contrary to the elementary principles of British justice, prevented by the government from entering the territory to seek legal redress to which he is entitled."

Mr. Anthony Brooke has stated he wished to return to Sarawak to institute a libel action against a civil servant there. A British government spokesman told the House of Commons recently Mr. Brooke could not return to Sarawak because his presence might result in an insurrection.—Associated Press.

CHESS PROBLEM

By ARTHUR A. PAUL
Black, 7 pieces.

White, 8 pieces.
White to play and mate in two.
Solution: 1. Saturday's problem.

1. R-KB8, any; 2. Q, or Kt (dbl) ch; mate.

They will spend the next three years in an intensive course which deals with every branch of hotel keeping.

Altogether 126 foreigners and 62 Swiss are enrolled. The foreigners are divided as follows: British 31, American 10, South African 4, Irish 2, Czech 1, Indian 1, Egyptian 2, Hungarian 15, Czechoslovakian 14, France 10, Norwegian 4, Swedish 4, Palestinian 3, Austrian 2, Italian 2, Luxembourg 2, Dutch 2, Belgian 2, Danish 2, Icelandic 1, German 1, Algerian 1, Portuguese 1, and Yugoslavian 1.

The students are divided into three sections—cooking, waiting and service, and secretarial—and each section looks after the appropriate needs of the others.

The course in each of these sections last five months in the school, with six months' paid apprenticeship in a first-class hotel afterward.

Student Cooks

Thirty-nine student cooks, working under three expert chefs, prepare the meals which 54 waiters, under three matrons d'hotel, serve to 81 young receptionists, secretaries, and accountants, who in turn look after the administration of school.

The waiters' and secretarial courses are the most varied.

Each student waiter must know enough of three or four languages for his work, and is trained in laying a table and in handling all the complicated table accessories of a first-class restaurant, and in running up of bills, and on professional hygiene.

He attends weekly lectures on the technique of salesmanship, on the composition of menus, on the organization of restaurants, on the drawing up of bills, and on professional hygiene.

The secretarial course includes lectures on accounting, commercial, hotel technique, arithmetic, law, tourist publicity, tourist geography, correspondence, hotel furniture, and management.

Time Table Of Studies

Each student also spends two hours a week learning typing, six hours on French or German, three hours on English and three hours on Italian or Spanish.

Student cooks are required to work from 7.30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. each day. Apart from the art of cooking, they study the composition of menus, calculation of prices, the selection of merchandise, and kitchen equipment.

At the end of three years, the students receive a diploma which is recognised by first-class hotels all over the world.

Snake-Handling Begot Tears

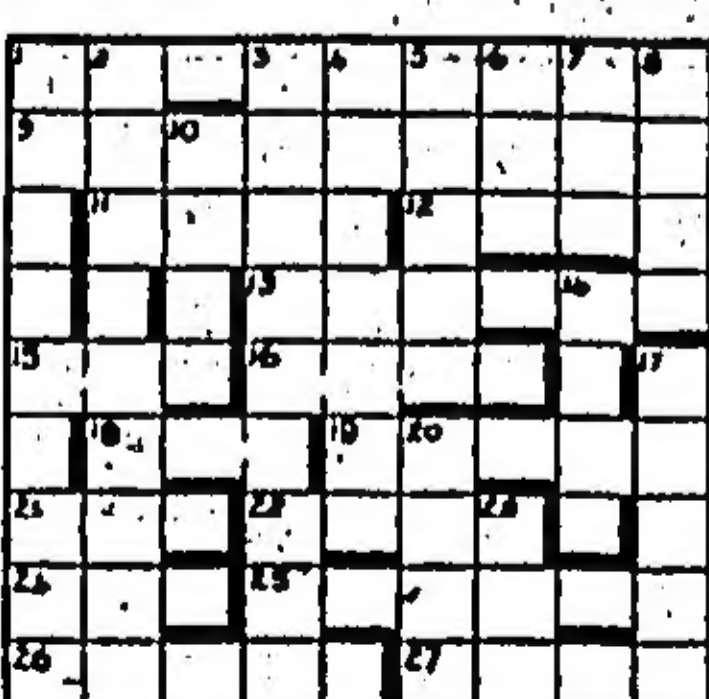
At the top of Little Black Top Mountain, Kentucky, 15-year-old Fay Nolan fondled a rattlesnake with her left hand.

Chanting "God be praised," she allowed it to coil around her. Then her nerve gave. Tears rolled down her face.

At a gathering of the snake-handling faith healers' cult, the snake had bitten her right hand. Her parents had whisked her from their home in the cult's temple at Caveport, Kentucky, hidden her from doctors and police, declaring that faith alone would cure her.

With her hand still paralysed from the poison, Fay had gone back to Little Black Top Mountain to prove the steadfastness of her faith. At the sign of her weakening a small red-faced girl of 10 saved the situation. She minced into the circle, a miniature Medusa, with rattlesnakes a matted, writhing mass around her neck. The tense crowd of 6,000 cheered wildly.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



1. To explain one must eat Euclid.
(9)
9. Turn more to find what he counts. (19)

11. A timber beam. (4)
12. Crooked down. (4)
13. You can't be alone with this. (6)
14. Trap. (3)
15. A South African robe? (4)
16. This sort of pet often gets trodden on. (3)
17. Tom is back to quotation. (6)
18. Brooch. (5)
19. This plane may rise. (4)
20. Part of a catch. (3)
21. Dealer. (6)
22. Not as all. (5)
23. Support. (4)
- Down
1. We should if we were to call you the snare. (9)
2. Trial cube (anagram). (9)
3. Minute. (5)
4. Wearisome. (7)
5. Not this for a turn. (8)
6. Hair. (3)
7. Formerly rest. (4)
8. A man who does. (4)
9. This payer may be owner or tenant. (4)
10. A South African. (5)
11. Spoken. (4)
12. Verse. (8)

Rupert's Silver Trumpet—20

Rupert has just taken the silver trumpet to try again when a bird arrives and flaps wildly round his head. "Hi, where did you get that?" it quawks. "You've no business to have it. And you mustn't blow it." "Here, steady on," says Algy in surprise. "It's Rupert's Christmas present. It's just come." "Besides, we can't disturb anyone by playing out here," adds Willie. "Oh, can't you indeed?" exclaims the bird, getting more excited. "Just you wait and see!"



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Stifles Grand Slam

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

HARRY FEINBERG, formerly of Cleveland and a well-known Life Master of the middle west, has moved to New York and is now in charge of the card room at the New York Bridge Whist Club. Once in a while he has a chance to sit in, and he says they have plenty of fireworks at the club.

I rather like Feinberg's preemptive bid of four diamonds on today's hand. It certainly interfered with West. Nevertheless West did come up with a good bid, five clubs.

Now would you have bid six or seven clubs with the East hand? Remember that this was a rubber bridge, and East-West were vulnerable.

After some study East decided against bidding more clubs, and

♠ 8 4	♥ 7 5 4 3	♦ A Q	♣ 10 5 2
♠ 7 5 4 3	♥ A Q	♦ 8 6	♣ K J 9
♠ A 7	♥ A 10 6	♦ None	♣ 8 6
♠ 5 4 3 2	♥ 5 4 3 2	♦ 5 4 3 2	♣ 5 4 3 2
♠ Feinberg	♥ K 7 6 3	♦ None	♣ K 10 8 7 5 3 2
♠ 10	♥ None	♦ K 10 8 7 5 3 2	♣ 10
♠ South	♥ West	♦ North	♣ East
♠ 5	♥ 6	♦ Pass	♣ Pass
♠ 4	♥ Pass	♦ Pass	♣ Double
♠ Opening	♥ A	♦	♣ 15

Feinberg bid five diamonds. West's pass left it entirely up to East, who made the mistake of doubling rather than continuing in clubs. His judgment was not necessarily bad, but the results turned out very badly for him.

West's ace of clubs held and he continued with the club queen, which Feinberg ruffed. A small diamond was led to dummy's queen, and the nine of spades came back.

You can see that it made no difference whether East covered with the ten or not. If he did not cover, Feinberg would let it ride. West would be forced to win, a heart would be trumped by declarer, the second round of diamonds led to dummy's ace, and the lead of the eight of spades would leave East helpless.

If he covered with the ten this time, Feinberg would win with the jack, cash the king of spades and ruff his last spade in dummy, thus making five-odd on a hand at which East and West could make seven hearts. Seven clubs could be defeated with a heart opening by North.

Check Your Knowledge

- How many vertebrae are there in the spinal column?
- By whom was aluminium first isolated?
- What percent of whole milk is water?
- Are navel oranges native to California?
- Who invented rayon?
- The inhabitants of what island are called Singhalese?

(Answers on Page 4)

QUEENS & ALHAMBRA

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"CHUN MUN WA TONG"

A CHINESE PICTURE

HULL MAY HAVE A LOST RUBENS

Picture renovation at Fernhill Art Gallery, Hull, has revealed a canvas believed to have been painted by Rubens. If its identity is confirmed, it will become a treasure upon which experts hesitate to place a price, but hazard for value at between £20,000 and £30,000.

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Fernhill Art Gallery restorer, Mr. Ferdinand Buchholz, who uncovered a signature which, in his opinion, confirmed the picture as a genuine Rubens. In his own words, taken by its Hull owner to the he "did not sleep a wink."

ANOTHER DUNKIRK?

Brighton, Mar. 7.—Harry Pollitt, the Communist leader, told 2,500 people at a meeting here tonight that Britain's political and economic situation represented a crisis greater than that of the wartime retreat from Dunkirk.

He called for measures on a similar scale to those then taken, including the nationalisation of the steel industry. Britain's prosperity depended, he said, not upon her ability to export whisky, Harris tweed and fine china, but upon her coal, textiles, steel and machinery.

The audience applauded Mr. Pollitt's declaration: "We are for bringing the British troops home from Palestine and, if there is any trouble after that, let the respective sides fight it out." He added: "Let the Yankees come over and do the dirty work."—Reuter.

TO TRY NEW APPROACH ON KASHMIR

Lake Success, Mar. 7.—A new approach to the Kashmir problem will be tried when the Security Council resumes its debate on Kashmir tomorrow.

The American delegation was understood to have been active in diplomatic conversations with other Council delegations in an attempt to devise a formula which would be acceptable to both India and Pakistan.

Although the exact nature of the new approach was not revealed, well informed sources predicted that the trend of thought would be along the following lines:

1. The Council would acknowledge that there was some justification in the Indian complaint that the Kashmiri raiders were obtaining aid in Pakistan, although not directly by Government assistance.

On this point the Council is considered likely to request the Pakistan Government to use its best efforts to stop the alleged illegal activity on their territory or by their nationals.

2. The disputed problem of the interim administration of Kashmir during the holding of a plebiscite might, according to the same sources, be solved by broadening the present administration under Sheikh Abdullah on a wider political basis.

3. On the question of Indian troops in Kashmir, it was understood that the new line of the Council's approach might be to consent to their presence but, at the same time, to ensure that their activities were of a purely military character and did not include police duties.

It is believed that no crystallised resolution was in view and that discussion in the Council might produce substantial changes.—Reuter.

Round-Up Of World Sport:

DAVOS SKI CLASSIC RECORDS BROKEN

Davos, Mar. 7.—Both the men's and women's records set up in 1944 were broken at the world-famous ski classic.

The Swiss skier, Rolf Olinger, won the men's event in 13 minutes 10.4 seconds—17 seconds better than the previous best.

Miss A. Maurer, also of Switzerland, took the honours in the women's event, and beat her own record by one minute with a time of six minutes 52.2 seconds.

Max Bertsch, of Switzerland, who won the event last year, finished as runner-up to Olinger.

The Swiss women's champion, Miss Lina Mitterer, was second to Miss Maurer.—Reuter.

CHAMONIX EVENTS

Chamonix, Mar. 7.—Andrea Mead (United States) placed second in the women's slalom event here today in the Kanthaus International slalom championships. Italy's Colina Seghi won in 100.7 seconds, while Miss Mead completed the two courses in 114.4.

Trude Beiser (Austria), with 116.0, came third. Rhoda Werrille (Canada) was fifth with 122.3.

Miss Mead placed second in the slalom-Rome and fourth in the slalom-Rome.

De Gaulle Ready To Take Over

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would directly or indirectly result in reconstituting the Reich would be a bad one.

"On the contrary, the German states, federating as they wish, would naturally find their place in the grouping of other European states."

"The same applies to Austria. The Ruhr would enter this framework with its own special regime," he declared.

The Western European organisation should join with America to put the world back on its feet, said.

American aid would be necessary "but it is clear that defence in as precise and explicit a manner as the Marshall Plan is in domain of credits and imports."

Europe, however, must build up her own strength so that American aid will not be in vain.—Associated Press.

SHARP DIVISION IN WASHINGTON OVER CHINA AID

BY STEWART HENSLEY

Washington, Mar. 7.—Informed sources agreed today that the developments in the past week had done much to show up the sharp division in official United States circles over the question of how much American aid should go to the Government of China and just what type of assistance it should be.

Finns Debate Answer To Stalin

Helsinki, Mar. 7.—Leading party members today conferred with supporters in preparation for the first full Cabinet meeting tomorrow afternoon, when formal deliberations on the answer to Stalin's request begin.

The Cabinet Foreign Affairs Committee will meet first at 9 a.m. GMT in an effort to decide how the tough answer to Stalin should be worded, where the negotiations should take place and whether a counter-proposal should be made.

The parties split wide on these three questions with the right-wingers, especially the powerful Agrarians, insisting that negotiations take place in Moscow. They also demand that the Russo-Finnish pact of friendship be the basis of the Finnish counter-proposal.

Finally they demand representation in the negotiating delegation. They believe that the delegation should be composed according to the Parliament—a representation which would give them one-fourth of the negotiating group.

A Party spokesman emphasised that they would not tolerate being excluded in the negotiations even though the party, along with the Conservatives and Liberals, flatly opposed any negotiations.

The Social Democrats, who favour negotiations but oppose any military pact with Russia, are reported to prefer Moscow as a venue because they fear that the Communists would take the advantage of treaty talks in Helsinki to stage "popular" demonstrations.

The Communists, so far, have arranged dozens of factory meetings, but at only two of these did they manage to get more than half of the workers' support. A resolution calling for a pact.—United Press.

The split between military officials and the State Department had been clearly defined. It was considered most obvious, after the testimony given to the House Foreign Affairs Committee by Gen. Douglas MacArthur and Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, that the armed forces were convinced of the necessity of giving Chiang Kai-shek sufficient military aid soon to enable him to drive the Communists completely out of Manchuria and other parts of North China.

But there was no indication that the State Department had any intention whatsoever of departing from its stand that only economic aid—and that in minimum quantities—was justified at present. State Department officials said that beyond the sales of surplus military equipment to Chiang already disclosed, there was no intention to give the National Government more war equipment.

Both Gen. MacArthur and Gen. Wedemeyer made it plain, although they did not say so bluntly, that they believed the State Department was deluding itself if it thought that economic assistance alone could stem Communist expansion in the Orient.

More Direct Impact

Most observers and editorial writers believed that Gen. Wedemeyer's statement had more direct impact on the Committee's opinion concerning the question of aid to China, firstly because he stated categorically it was futile to send economic aid without sending military assistance to protect it and, secondly, because he bluntly and solemnly warned that if the United States did not send military aid to help Chiang Kai-shek to check and defeat Communism now American lives might well be lost eventually in the battle against Communism in Asia.

While Gen. MacArthur was no less direct in asserting that the problem facing China was primarily military and not economic, his cable statement to the Committee was considered to be more in the nature of a declaration of general strategy against Communism and thus not so explicit on the subject of China's position. It was pointed out, however, that Gen. MacArthur distinguished himself as an expert on the internal Chinese situation in his statement to the Committee.

Congress Alignment

Although it was believed that Gen. MacArthur and Gen. Wedemeyer's statements had considerable effect on public opinion in this country, it was doubtful whether they had altered the Congressional alignment on China aid to any considerable extent. Their utterances apparently had strengthened the intentions of some Republicans to fight for more aid to China, including military aid, but had failed to win any appreciable number of converts from the ranks of those who believed Gen. Marshall's \$570,000,000 essential commodity and reconstruction programme was ample at present.

Whether any influence they might have had on public opinion eventually would be reflected in Congress remained to be seen, but most experienced observers doubted it. It was conceded that if Senators Robert Taft and Stewart Eastland and their colleagues of like mind, who want greater aid to China, had sufficient strength to win their way before the two generals' statements, they would secure it but if not their chances had not improved to any great extent during the past week.

Apparently, Gen. Marshall's prestige had held the balance well against the two major onslaughts against his position on China aid.—United Press.

Bulgarian Envoy Resigns

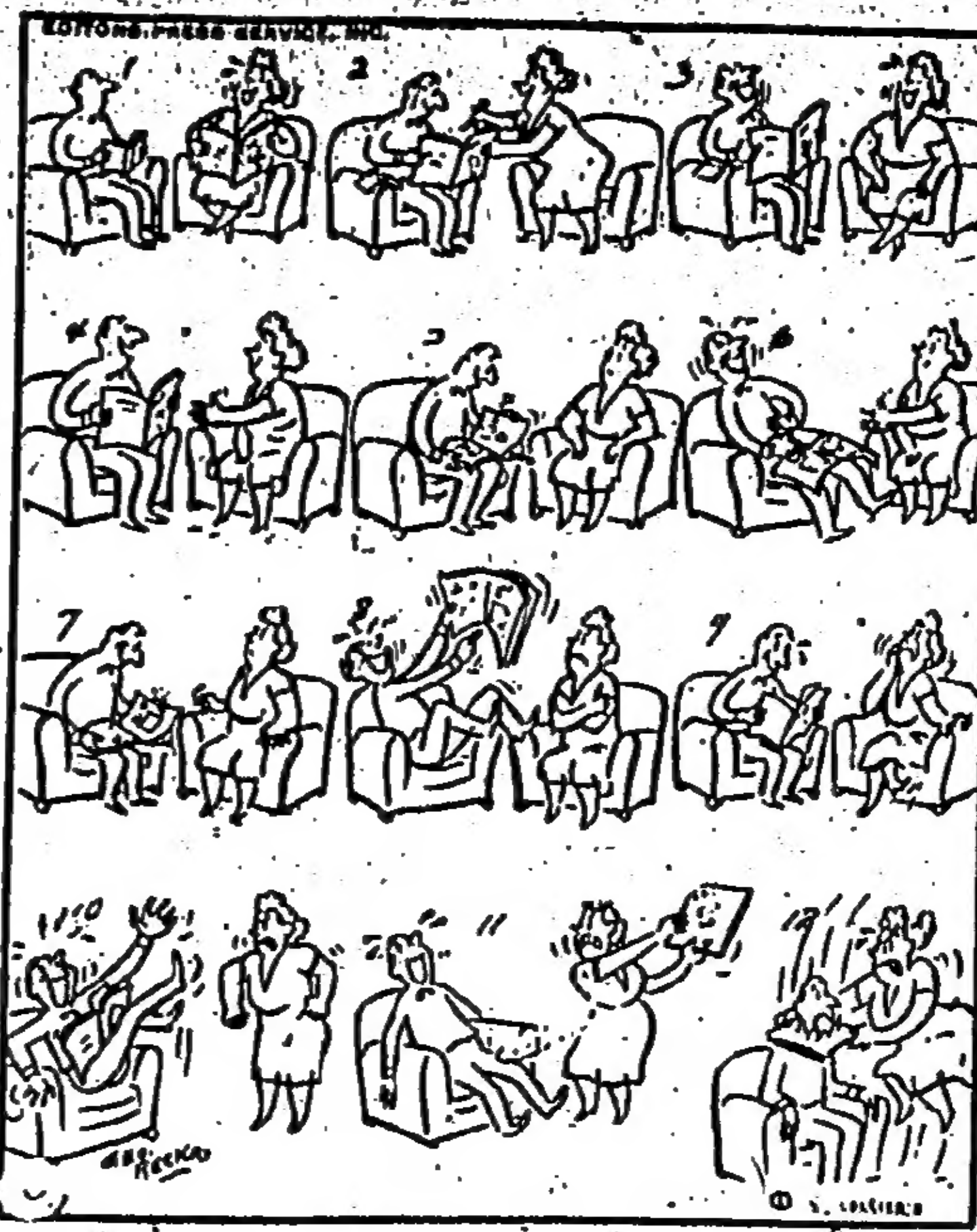
London, Mar. 7.—Professor Nikola Dolapchieff, the Bulgarian Minister in London, today announced his resignation, effective from 11.30 a.m. GMT today.

"I have resigned to regain my freedom in order to be able as a private individual to serve the interests of the Bulgarian people according to my political convictions and to work for the restoration of liberty and democracy in my country," the Minister said.

"What has recently occurred in Eastern and Central Europe, in Finland and Czechoslovakia, may rank my task in London impossible," Professor Dolapchieff added.—Reuter.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE Answers

1. Twenty-four. 2. The scientists Davy and Wöhler. 3. Eighty-seven percent. 4. No, they were transported from Brazil. 5. Joseph Swan, an Englishman, in 1883. 6. Ceylon.



SECOND PRIEST DETAINED IN VATICAN SCANDAL

Rome, Mar. 7.—Vatican circles have confirmed that Monsignor Giulio Guidette, former financial head of the Holy See, who resigned a month ago, is now detained in his apartments in the Vatican.

Falkland Is. Protests Delivered

On board HMS Nigeria, Antarctica, Mar. 6.—The British ships taking the Governor of the Falkland Islands, Mr. Miles Clifford, on his tour of the islands' Dependencies, today handed out three protests—two to the Argentines and one to the Chileans—and finally made contact with the Argentine minesweeper, Parker, which was reported earlier this week to have warned the Norwegian fishing vessel, Bratez, off Antarctic waters.

The protests were made to two Argentine ships in harbour at Deception Island and a protest was signalled to the Chilean naval base over which a Chilean ensign flew at Discovery Bay in the British owned Greenwich Island.

Ice prevented the protest being delivered by hand. The cruiser Nigeria and the sloop Snipe, which passed the Parker at great speed towards Deception Island on Friday after the British had protested to the Argentine lieutenant there, arrived off the island today in brilliant sunshine.

COUNTER PROTEST

HMS Snipe entered the harbour and served a formal protest on the Parker. As on an earlier British visit to the island, the Parker made a counter protest at the presence of British vessels in "Argentine territorial waters."

While Snipe was in the harbour, the Argentine sloop King suddenly appeared from seaward and entered the harbour at great speed—without saluting the Royal naval units.

The protest, signed on behalf of the Governor of the Falkland Islands by the commanding officer of HMS Snipe, was handed immediately to the captain of the King. The King did not make any counter protest.

Earlier today, the Nigeria and Snipe called at Discovery Bay—to find the Chilean flag flying from wireless masts and over large black huts of the Chilean base. There was no Union Jack flying.

Ice prevented Major Wilson, the commander of the Nigeria's Marine detachment, landing with a protest from Captain Moore of HMS Nigeria. A cutter and a whaler tried to pick their way through the glaciers but could not penetrate the ice-blocked channel.—Reuter.

Sedition Charges

Kingston, Jamaica, Mar. 7.—A member of the Jamaica House of Representatives and two City Councilors—all of them trade union executives—were arrested here today, together with a trade union official, on charges of sedition. The four men are alleged to have been actively concerned in a recent strike against a Jamaica bus company, which was marked by shootings and bombings. The arrested representative is Mr. Flourish Gasparillo and the Councilors Mr. Ken Hill and Mr. Thosy Kelly.—Reuter.

Malays' Protest

Singapore, Mar. 7.—A mass meeting of Malays decided here today to protest to the United Nations against "Slam's" "false assimilation and repressive measures" against Malays in southern Siam.

A Malay minority of 700,000 in the four southern provinces of Yala, Pattani, Sulu, and Narathiva is reported to be agitating for union with the two-weeks old Malayan Federation.

Today's meeting elected a three-man delegation to see Lord Listowel, the Minister for Colonial Affairs, who is in Singapore.—Reuter.

Italians Not Seriously Roused By Czech Events

Rome, Mar. 7.—The recent political developments in Czechoslovakia have been followed with apprehension in Italy, and local political observers have not been able to reply convincingly to the obvious question, "Is Italy on the list?"

These observers have no way of knowing what Moscow's policy towards Italy may be, nor are they bold enough to commit themselves as to the results of the voting when 27-000,000 people go to the polls to elect a new Chamber and a new Senate on April 18.

Meanwhile, the reaction of government circles here to the events in Czechoslovakia tends towards the attitude, "It cannot happen here."

Italy's quick-tongued Foreign Minister, Count Carlo Sforza, for instance, told foreign correspondents: "Nothing ever happens in Italy," but some correspondents felt that this was one of the Count's less realistic quips.

The only politician who took the Czech warning seriously and acted upon it was Signor Roberto Lucifero, Secretary of the Liberal Party, who went to see the Prime Minister, Signor Alcide de Gasperi, and other leading Liberals in the political field. To them he pleaded for a solid front to face the dynamic and well-organised Communist controlled "Popular Front." Signor Lucifero was met with polite rebuffs from the parties.

Voice Of The Nation

"I told these political personalities that this is not the moment to discuss socialism or liberalism or plans for this, that or the other," Signor Lucifero commented.

"This is the moment to save the institution of parliamentary government instead of allowing it to slip into the hands of the enemy who had happened in Czechoslovakia, Rumania and Bulgaria.

"Even the Prime Minister preferred to listen to the voice of his party rather than to the voice of the nation."

In actual fact, Italy's voters will be given the choice of 80 parties and 10,000 candidates.

That the colonial problem is one on which the voters feel strongly is the belief of the Communist Party, whose first campaign poster, recently plastered on Rome's ancient walls, shows two pictures side by side. One picture is an artist's fantasy on the Mogadishu (Italian Somaliland) shootings and shows native policemen and British officers engaged in massacring unarmed Italian civilians.

OUTWARD MAILS

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MONDAY, MARCH 8
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Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin, Peking, Canton, Hong Kong, Kowloon, Swatow, Fochow, 3.30 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea and Train
Macao, Tientsin & Shekhi (Sea) 2 p.m.
Canton (Train) 2 p.m.
USA, Canada, Central & South America (via San Francisco) (No Parcels for Canada) (Sea) 3 p.m.
Hankow & Peking (Sea) 3 p.m.
Formosa via Keelung & Shanghai (Sea) 4 p.m.
Macao, Tientsin & Shekhi (Sea) 4 p.m.
Kowloon (Sea) 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9
Closing Times By Air (reg.) 9.30 a.m. (ord.)
Amoy, Hong Kong, Canton, Karachi, Bahrain, Cairo (Nairobi), Johannesburg & Marseilles via Cairo, Augusta and (G.P.O.) 3.30 p.m.
Canton, Amoy, Fochow, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin, Peking and Swatow 2.30 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea and Train
USA, Canada, Central & South America (via San Francisco) (No Parcels for Canada) (Sea) 1 p.m.
Swatow & Bangkok (Sea) 3 p.m.

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11.15 p.m. Studio: Hospital Request Half Hour. Presented by Ethel Holmes-Brown: 6.30. Studio: Portuguese Half Hour: 7. London Relay: World and Home News: 7.15. Studio: Jini Lapper Talks on Films: 7.30. Studio: "I Like What I Like" Presented by Leonie Walker: 8. "Calling It" Purvis and His Orch. with Anna Wien (Vocal): 8.15. B.B.C. Transcription Service: "My Songs" by Mr. Maurice Scott: 8. London Relay: News: 8.10. Weather Report: 8.11. Studio: A Talk—"You and Your Camera" by R. A. Watson: "Apertures and Speeds": 8.25. Studio: Carnival of the Animals. Leopold Stokowsky and the Philadelphia Orchestra: 8.45. London Relay: "What is Art For?"—"For the Spirit." A Discussion between Eric Newton and Herbert Reed: 10.15. "Something for Everybody": 11. Close down.

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The neighbouring picture is a map of Italy and her colonies with a footnote reminding the readers that Soviet Russia has reiterated her desire to see Italy take over the trusteeship of all her former African possessions.

Communist attacks on the United States continue. A prominent Communist, Signor Pietro Secchia, told a meeting at Alessandria, that "the Americans want to turn Italy into a magazine for storing atom bombs."

"They want to make this country into the cemetery of Europe instead of it being a garden of Europe."

Some observers, however, think that the decline in the wave of strikes, coupled with the fact that the police are now seizing large quantities of arms from their hiding places without great difficulty, are comforting signs.

A few months ago, they argue, these arms would not have been given up without a fight.—Reuter.

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